

NELDHA HISTORY NETWORK

Presents a Lecture on

The Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture for Women

With

Priscilla Hutt Williams



Dawson Dell at Lowthorpe, ca.1930-1940

RISD Archives and Special Collections

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Boston Architectural College

320 Newbury Street, Boston

Cascieri Hall

Reception: 5:30 p.m. – Lecture: 6 –7 p.m.

The Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture was founded in 1901 in Groton, MA by Judith Motley Low, great-granddaughter of Benjamin Bussey. Lowthorpe was the first women's school in the United States to offer academic instruction in landscape architecture combined with hands-on, practical gardening experience. Mrs. Low's connections with the Arnold Arboretum ensured a superior curriculum at Lowthorpe. Both Frederick Law Olmsted and Charles Sprague Sargent were school benefactors, and Jackson Dawson was one of its instructors. In 1945 Lowthorpe merged with the Rhode Island School of Design.

Priscilla Hutt Williams is President of Pumpkin Brook Organic Gardening, Inc. with a nursery division, The Seedling Specialist, growing heirloom plants in Townsend, MA. She is a founding member and instructor with the Northeast Organic Farming Association's Organic Land Care Program. In 2009 the Groton Historical Society engaged Ms Williams to conduct research on the Lowthorpe School, which will be the subject of this lecture.

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